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Thanks

- .. To those parents who turned up to support the Working Bee last Sunday.
- .. To Mary Sissons and Dave Dwight for rescuing a damsel in distress in the carpark this week.
- .. To Mel Attwood (Olivia's Mum), for the lovely organic mandarins

People of the week

- .. our famine kids
- .. Cameron for achieving "Player of the Day" for Marist Galaxy Grade 10 soccer.
- .. Abbi for achieving "Player of the Day" for Matarau Intermediate Netball and Tyler for receiving "player of the Day" the week before.
- .. Paddy for achieving "Player of the Day" for Whangarei FC football team.
- .. William for commitment to learning his new computer programme.
- .. Matthew for commitment and turning up to the school working bee, and picking up rubbish for an hour to keep the school tidy.
- .. Caleb for commitment to his farm duties.
- .. Emma for achieving "Player of the Day" for Matarau Sparkles netball team.
- .. Brad who came 5th and Jordan who came 6th for the 9 yr old age group 2010 at Whangarei BMX Club.
- Corey who mowed the lawns for no monetary gain, plus helping his Scout Patrol win the 3course meal cooking competition.

Famine Money

A reminder Famine money is due at school Friday 11 June. Please ensure kids are busy this weekend collecting final sponsor money. Thank you for your support.

Mobile Ear Clinic

Outside Bush Road Medical Centre 8:30 to 3:30 Tuesday 8 June. No appointment necessary. Pre-schoolers will also be tested.

think... SOLD!

think yellow,
think...

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Some dates to pencil if you have not already done so

- .. 15 June - Primary Winter Sports Tournament
- .. 18 June - Portfolios home to parents
- .. 28 and 29 June - Parent Interviews (please note school finishes at 2:30 on these days)

HPV - Y8 Girls Vaccination

Reminder the Year 8 girls next HPV vaccination is scheduled for Thursday 10th June here at school.

Early notice also

.. that room 9's innovation camp is scheduled for Waiwera 7 -10 September. Mrs Witte has sent a notice home, please complete & return asap. Don't hesitate to contact her at any stage with questions. If finances are stretched please contact me asap so we can come to a suitable arrangement. Thanks.

Parent attendance at camps

Our school is highly fortunate to have parents willing to assist with trips and camps. Without the generous contributions of these parents many such events would not proceed. With camps looming on the horizon I thought it might be timely to mention again the process for selection of parents for the limited spaces available on camps. Although we would love to have as many parents as possible accompany us, this can sometimes significantly increase costs and make budgeting very difficult. Thus the process for selection for funded attendance is as follows ..

First ballot - parents with specific skills essential for the smooth and safe operation of camp.

Second ballot - parents who did not get the opportunity to attend their child's previous camp.

Third ballot - all other parents

Additional parents may be invited to participate but would need to meet their own costs.

We look forward to your continuing support of our Outdoor Education Programmes and thank you again for your involvement in these events.

Rippa Rugby Tournament

Parents of year 5 and 6 children will have been advised that this tournament will now take place 25 June and 17 September. If you have not received a second consent form please contact the school office. Please return consents asap. Any questions please to Miss Bevin or Mrs Witte. We are very keen to hear from parents able to assist with lunchtime practices.

Senior Rockwall Day - now 30 June

Please ensure consents and money for the above event have been returned to school by early next week. Give us a call if you want to discuss payment arrangements.

International Schools Science Competition

The examination will be sat on Wednesday 9 June.

A reminder other test dates are as follows .. English 3 August .. Maths 17 August.

The test preparation period for the English exam commences next week (maths about 2 weeks after that). Children will bring home 2 practice papers initially and are then asked to one per week thereafter. Please help them to find a suitable time and place for sitting their test papers and ensure you mark these on completion. Let us know if you need any help. Teachers are working concurrently on papers in class.

Request from Junior Syndicate

If anyone has spare long pants for 7 yr old boys and girls or spare underpants for 7-8 yr old girls for use in emergency, could you please deliver to Mrs Bruce or the office please. Thank you.

Request from Room 8

Before you know it Calf Club will soon be upon us. Room 8 needs your help so if you have any of the items listed below could you please please please leave them at the office or take them to Room 8. Thank you.

- Wool, stockings/pantyhose, clean, empty jars with lids (normal jam jar size)

School Lunches

If you would like a day off making lunches your children can order a sausage on Wednesday's for a \$1.00 and hot pies, sausage rolls and a drink for \$3.00 on Friday's, providing you order by Tuesday at the office.

Scholastic Book Club

New brochures were issued last week - orders are due back at school on Friday 18th June.

Community Notices

For Sale - Printer cartridges and toners available at Megabitz in Kamo from \$10.00. Ph 974 8059

Wanted - Lawn mower nothing flash, so long as it starts. Call Sharleen 4338488.

4 Sale - Jack Russell X Foxy pups - 3 female / 1 male. Ready now \$190.00. Phone Sarah Bryant 4335909 (02102747487)

Marsden Bay Holiday Winter Camp - Sun 4 July- Fri 9 July, 10.am, Ages 9-13 yrs. For more info contact Helena on 094447456 or email hlamason@hotmail.com

Final Thoughts

"The most wasted day of all is that on which we have not laughed."

(Sebastian Chamfort 1741-1794)

Regards
Kevin Trehwella
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Room 4 have been writing about the rain, their focus was on using juicy words in their writing...

Rai n

The rai n was bi t t e r
and cool . It was i c y and
chi l l y l i k e w i n t e r .
I t was deep, very, very, deep
and f r e e z i n g !
The i c y r a i n was very,
very col d ! !

By: M a d d i s o n , R m 4